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REF: (A) SEOUL 1343; (B) SEOUL 864; (C) SEOUL 589

1. SEOUL DISTRICT EMERGENCY COURT-MARTIAL FEB 27 HELD FIRST SESSION IN THE CASE OF THREE SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY MEDICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING EMERGENCY MEASURES (REF B). COURT-MARTIAL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED AFTERWARDS THAT PROSECUTOR HAD DEMANDED TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR EACH OF THE THREE OFFENDERS.

2. DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL FEBRUARY 27 ALSO HELD FIRST SESSION IN THE CASE OF HAPDONG REPORTER YU HONG-KU, ACCUSED OF VIOLATING MILITARY SECRETS LAW AND THEFT OF A DOCUMENT, AND CHONG CHONG-NAK, CLERK OF NATIONAL CONSCRIPTION OFFICE ACCUSED OF NEGLIGENCE IN SAME CASE (REF C). COURT-MARTIAL SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT PROSECUTOR HAD DEMANDED THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR YU AND ONE AND A HALF YEARS FOR CHONG, PLUS SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR EQUAL DURATION.

3. REF A ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED THAT APPELLATE COURT-MARTIAL FEB 26 HAD CONFIRMED SENTENCES OF CHANG CHUN-HA, PAEK KI-WAN
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AND SEVEN YONSEI UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING

EMEGENCY MEASURES. IN FACT, PROSECUTOR DEMANDED THIS RESULT, BUT APPELLATE COURT-MARTIAL MADE NO DECISION. INITIAL NEWS STORIES CARRIED THE ERRONEOUS REPORT, LATER CORRECTED.

4. DATES OF NEXT COURT-MARTIAL SESSIONS WERE NOT ANNOUNCED.
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